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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
**H.P. ALBRECHT ET AL.** :  
APPLICATION NO.: **09/284,424** :  
FILED: **APRIL 9, 1999** :  
FOR: **ASPARTATE ESTER INHIBITOR OF  
INTERLEUKIN-1B CONVERTING  
ENZYME** :

EXAMINER: **L. MAIER**  
ART UNIT: **1621**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

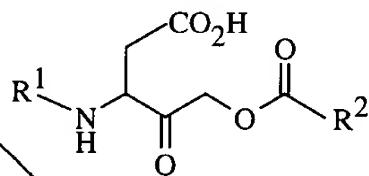
REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 25, 1999, the period for response thereto having been extended three months to expire on April 25, 2000, pursuant to the Petition for Extension of Time enclosed herewith.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

*Sub B* 1 (Amended). A compound of the Formula I



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